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SUBJECT: U.S. ARMY STORAGE SPACE REQUIREMENTS IN THE
NETHERLANDS

REF: USCINCEUR ECJ-4/7 031603Z JAN 77 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER REVIEWING REFTEL STATE AND DOD AGREE THAT LETTER
FROM AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER IS APPROPRIATE METHOD
OF PROCEEDING ON THIS SUBJECT IN LIGHT OF DUTCH OBJECTION
TO CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS AT MILITARY LEVELS WITHOUT GUID-
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ANCE FROM MFA.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, WE PROPOSE
YOU FORWARD THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, OR MAKE SAME POINTS ORALLY.

3. BEGIN SUGGESTED TEXT: QUOTE I AM WRITING YOU IN CON-

NECTION WITH THE INCREASING NEED FOR US ARMY STORAGE SITES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING FOR SUCH STORAGE IN THE NETHERLANDS. ON DECEMBER 13, 1976, OFFICERS FROM HEAD-QUARTERS, US ARMY, EUROPE, MET IN THE HAGUE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMY STAFF ON THIS SUBJECT.

AFTER THE US SIDE OUTLINED ITS REQUIREMENTS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF POLITICAL AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FURTHER

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

THE US ARMY HAS INCREASED STORAGE REQUIREMENTS IN EUROPE, BASED UPON A REEVALUATION OF ATTRITION RATES FOR VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES, AND SIMILARLY ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN AMMUNITION CONSUMPTION RATES. THERE IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT TO SHIFT EQUIPMENT FROM OPEN TO COVERED STORAGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR BALANCED DISPERSAL OF TOTAL US STOCKS IN EUROPE. THESE EUROPEAN-WIDE REQUIREMENTS CONSIST OF 730,000 SQUARE METERS OF COVERED STORAGE SPACE FOR VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES. IN ORDER TO POSITION THIS MATERIAL IN PROXIMITY TO THE FORCES THAT WILL USE IT, AT LEAST 260,000 SQUARE METERS OF GENERAL STORAGE AND SPACE FOR 288,000 SHORT TONS OF AMMUNITION NEEDS TO BE APPORTIONED AMONG THE BENELUX COUNTRIES.

FOR THE STORAGE SPACE IN THE NETHERLANDS, WE WOULD PREFER FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE BY THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT AND MANAGED AND OPERATED BY THE NETHERLANDS ARMED
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FORCES. WE FORESEE A CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP UNDER AN AGREED ARRANGEMENT, IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WOULD REIMBURSE THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT FOR SERVICES REQUESTED AND RENDERED. THESE REIMBURSABLE SERVICES WOULD INCLUDE MANAGEMENT, OVERHEAD, MATERIAL MAINTENANCE, AND STORAGE OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS PHYSICAL SECURITY AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE. THE UNITED STATES WOULD REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE.

I PROPOSE THAT APPROPRIATE MILITARY ELEMENTS OF OUR TWO NATIONS WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO RESOLVE US ARMY STORAGE REQUIREMENTS, UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING LINES OF COMMUNICATION (LOC) AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

YOUR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED. END QUOTE END TEXT
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